

EXHIBIT F

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DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

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Bair Hugger Forced Air Warming
Products Liability Litigation

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2 A. My recollection is that they had hired an
3 infection control guy, and I don't know if
4 they had done anything else, but they just
5 wanted to make sure that everything was
6 included as far as getting credit for the
7 reduction despite the fact that the reduction
8 happened when they switched. So we were fine
9 with that.

10 Q. And you go on to say, "Rather than take the
11 opportunity to promote Ridgeview, Lisa
12 Steinbauer apparently refused to speak with
13 Eric and issued the following statement:
14 'According to Michael Phelps, chief
15 administrative officer, Ridgeview Medical
16 Center, Ridgeview Medical Center has a
17 reputation of surgical excellence attributed
18 to many efforts beyond the use of the
19 Augustine Medical HotDog patient-warming
20 system. We used the HotDog product and are
21 satisfied with its performance, however,
22 there is no data to support a direct
23 correlation to that product and our reduced
24 infection rates.'"

25 Did I read that correctly?

1 AUGUSTINE

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. You weren't happy with that statement, were
4 you?

5 A. Well, I think it's just wrong. The temporal
6 correlation is perfect, so I think that
7 Mr. Phelps doesn't know what he's talking
8 about.

9 Q. So that's why you wrote this e-mail?

10 A. I don't recall writing this e-mail, but I
11 don't know why I wrote it.

12 Q. Okay.

13 (Whereupon, Exhibit 68 was
14 marked for identification.)

15 BY MR. COREY GORDON:

16 Q. I'll show you Exhibit 68. It's a copy of an
17 article from the Minneapolis Star Tribune
18 dated December 3rd, 2011, by Eric Wieffering
19 headlined, "This medical device rivalry is
20 getting a bit heated." You've seen this
21 before, haven't you, this story?

22 A. Oh, I'm sure I have, yes.

23 Q. And that's a picture of you and somebody else
24 on that front page?

25 A. Yes.